

October 31, 2018

Joshua Mahoney  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

Re: Comments regarding the tentative Order for E & B Natural Resources Management Corporation and Sherwood Hills, LLC.

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

As a local resident, I wish to express my support for this project. I am an employee of an agricultural service company that has worked in Kern County for 37 years. Kern County is not only the top agricultural producer in the state, but in the nation. This industry is the backbone of California's economy and I am in support of projects that promote the industry in a safe and sustainable manner.

This project promotes the economic development of Kern County and directly affects my business. Famoso Hills Ranch farming company is very well respected in the industry, known for their innovative sustainable farming techniques and having high integrity. I am honored to be associated with this company and this project.

Without the use of the high quality drought proof water generated from this project the expansion of Famoso Hills Ranch would not be possible. With the planting of high value permanent crops requiring year round irrigation it is important to find safe, sustainable alternative water sources to promote the grow of California's thriving agricultural industry. For this, I recommend the CVRWQCB move forward and approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curtis Lutje', with a stylized, cursive script.

Curtis Lutje  
VP Business Development & Design  
Hydratec Irrigation

cc: Amy Roth, E&B Natural Resources